#### CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL GAS CONTEXT

David Maul, Manager
Natural Gas Office
California Energy Commission
December 14, 2004



## **Today's Topics**

- California's unique NG situation
- NG demand
- NG supply
- Options for consideration



- Good news
- Bad news
- Good news



- Good news:
  - Current reliability good
  - □ Recent infrastructure improvements help
  - Current NG storage inventories good
  - □ Broad public energy dialogue more focused on NG issues
  - □ CA has aggressive EE and renewable programs
  - □ CA starting new NG R&D program
  - ☐ Greater NG use has helped "clear the air"

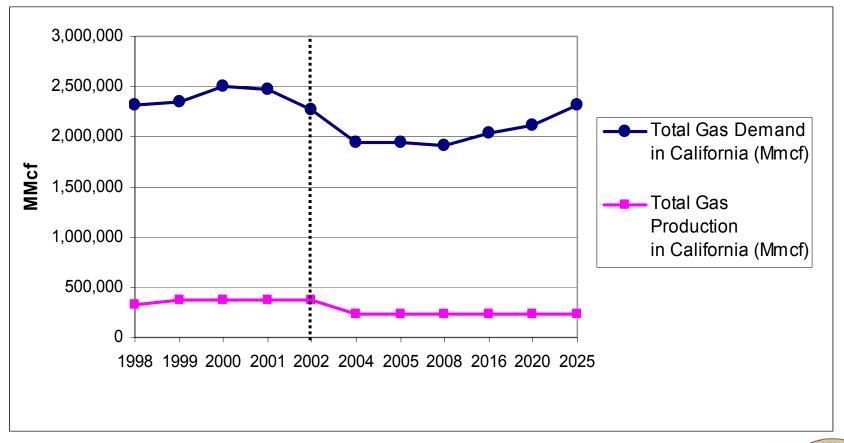
- Bad news:
  - □ NG prices are much higher than before
  - □ NG is the dominant fuel for power plants
  - □ CA imports 85% of its NG
  - □ CA is at the end of the pipeline
  - CA competes with all other major US markets for NG
  - □ The US supply/demand outlook is pessimistic



- Good news:
  - CA has several options available to it
    - **♦**Short term
    - ◆Mid term
    - ◆Long term
  - □ Policy makers are focused on improving California's situation

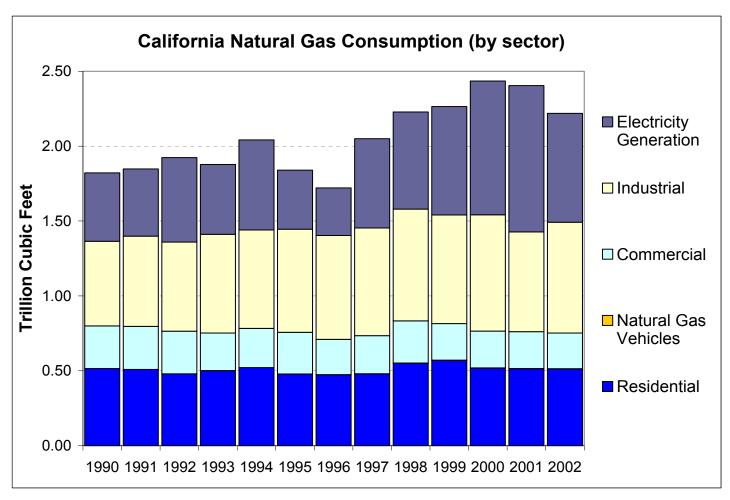


#### California NG Demand



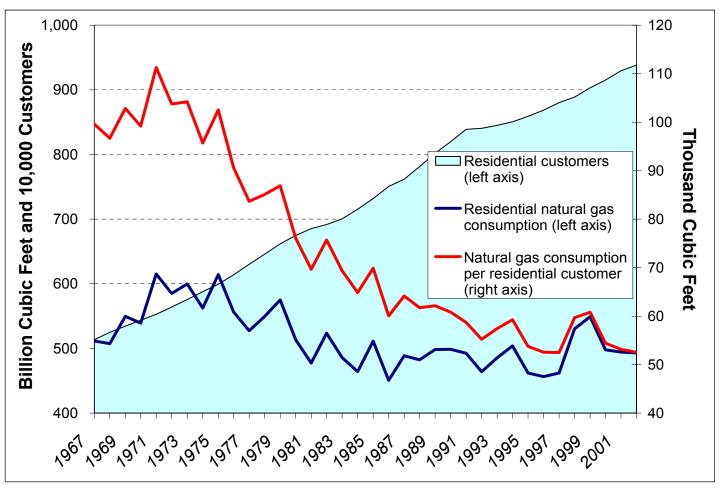


#### **CA NG Demand**





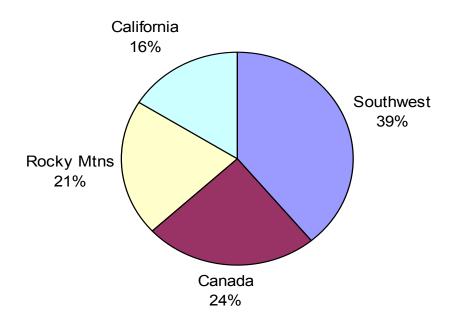
## **CA Efficiency Gains**





# **NG Supply**

2003 California Natural Gas Supply (5,962 MMcfd)



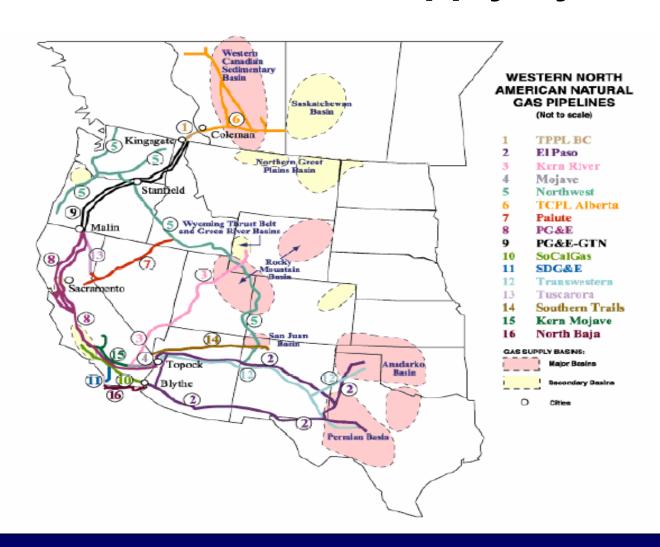


# **CA NG Supply Sources**



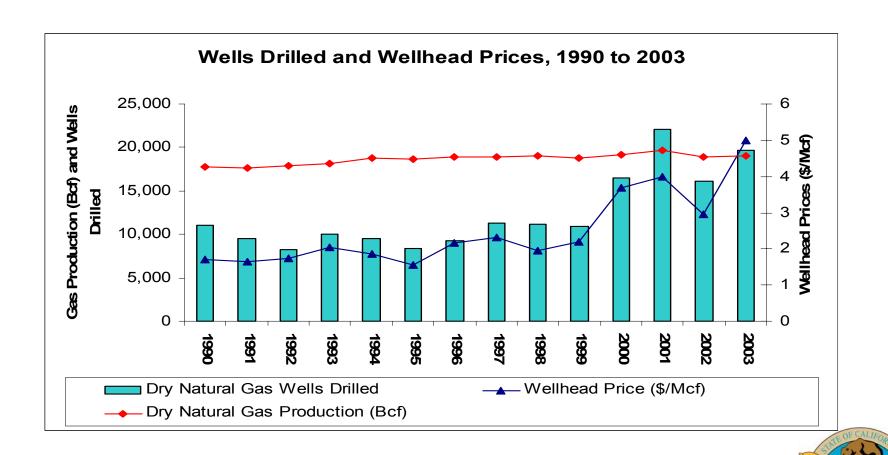


## California's NG Supply System

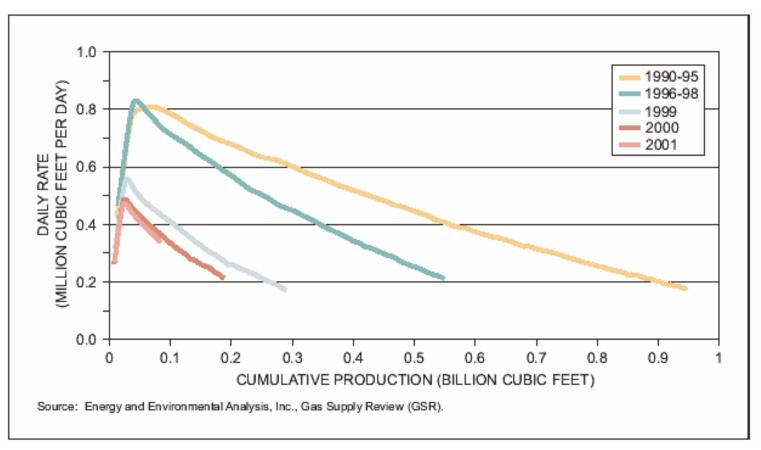




#### **US NG Prices, Drilling, and Production**

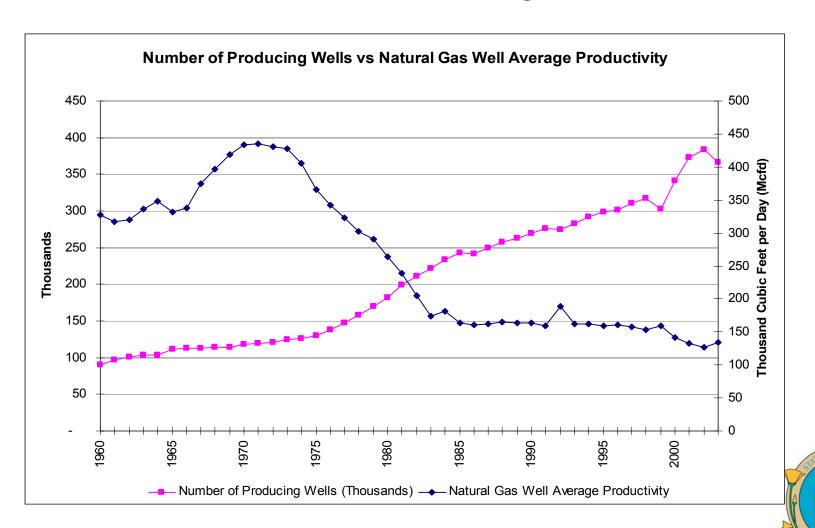


## **US Individual Well Productivity Declines**

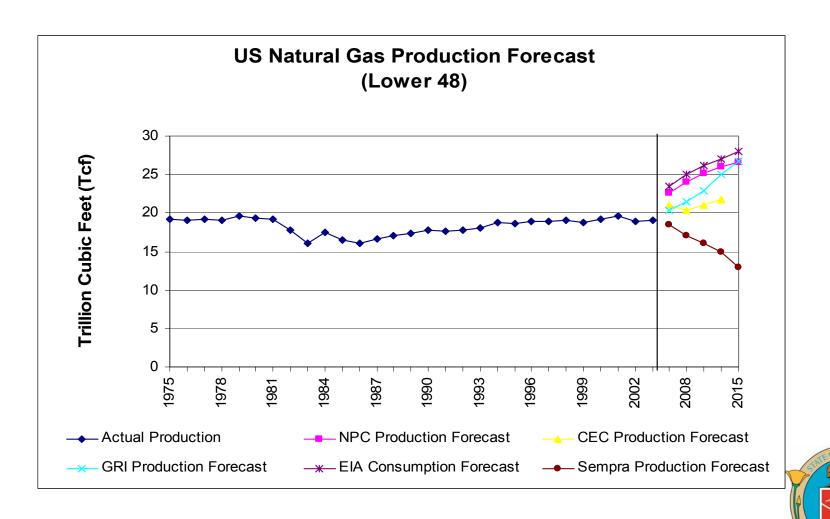




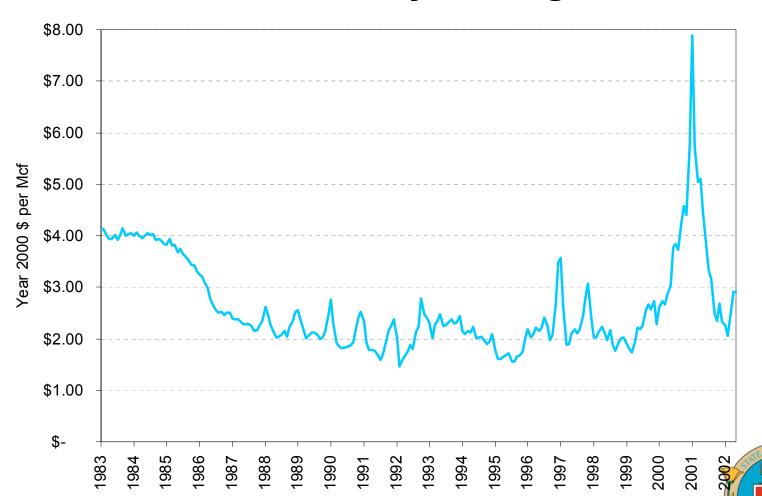
## **US Well Productivity Declines**



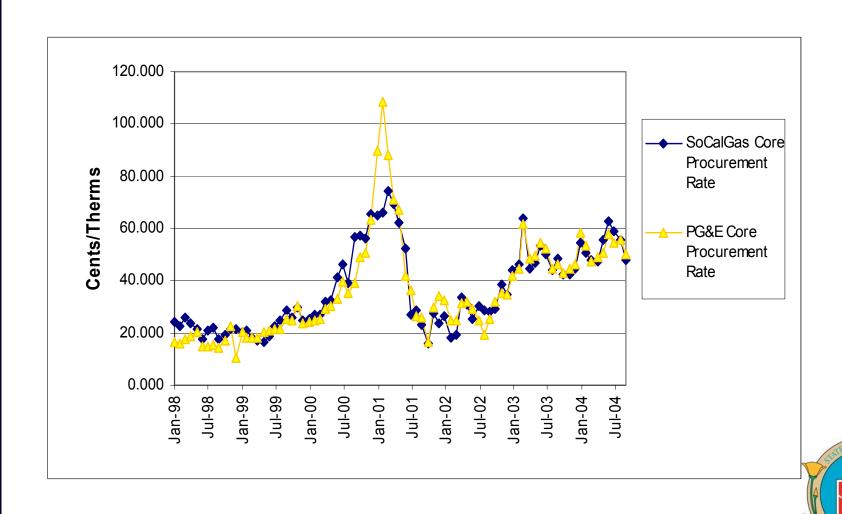
#### **US NG Production Forecasts**



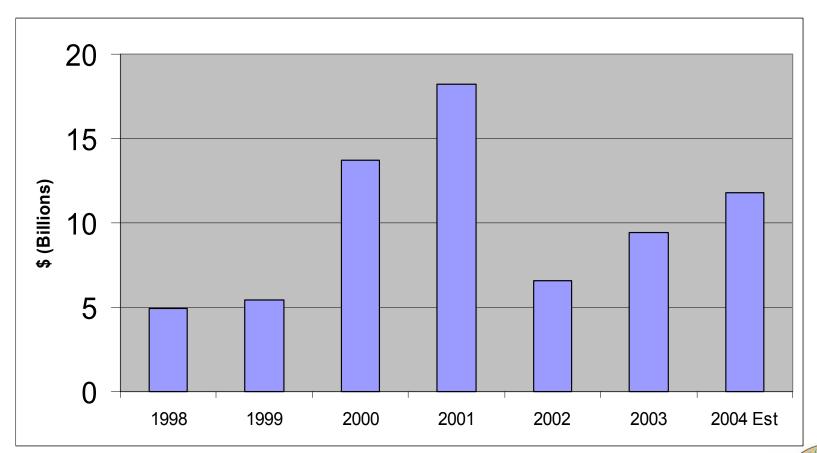
# Historical Wellhead Prices in the Lower 48 – Monthly Averages



#### **CA Cost of NG**

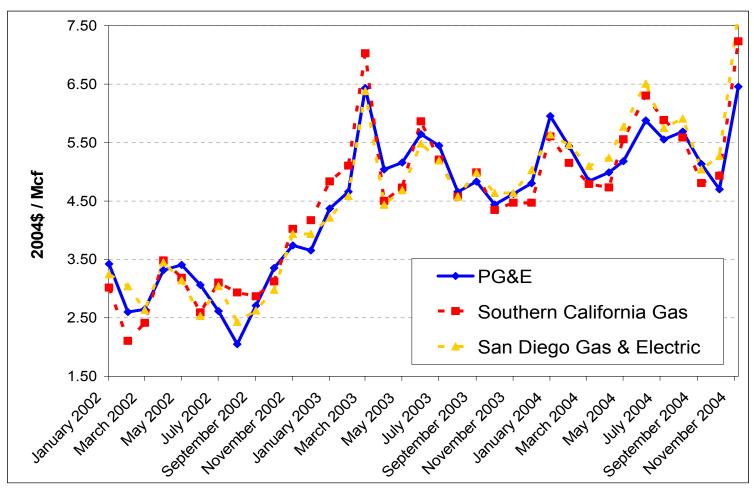


#### **CA Consumers' Cost of NG**





#### **CA NG Prices**





#### **CA Consumers' Cost of NG**

- At \$5/mmBtu, California's pay about \$11 billion for just the commodity.
- Actions that result in a 10% savings will keep an extra \$1 billion in our state.



## **Options for Consideration**

- Energy efficiency—NG programs
- Energy efficiency—NG standards
- Energy efficiency—electric
- Renewable energy programs
- Distributed generation
- New sources of NG supply
- Additional NG infrastructure



California Energy Commission

Questions?

